

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

THE HEROIC OFFINGS.

Extract of a letter from Major General Winfield Scott to the Secretary of War, dated Washington, April 19th, 1815.

SIR—I have the honor to enclose a letter from Col. McRee, of the Engineers, on a subject as highly interesting as any that occurred during the late war.

Most of the facts related by the colonel are known to me personally and I could add many others of the same character.

Leutenant Patrick O'Flaherty, his three brothers and father, entered the army on the same day, in 1812, all for five years.

In 1813, Major General Dearborn recognized in the father (a sentinel before his door) a soldier who had served under him with credit during the Revolutionary War.

About the same time Mrs. O'Flaherty, a respected matron, came to Fort George on a visit to her husband and her four sons, Patrick, the eldest, then about eighteen, was sick in the hospital. I prevailed on Gen. Dearborn to discharge him from the service, that he might return with his mother.

In April, 1814, Patrick (now Lieut. O'Flaherty) raised a company of volunteers, marched to Buffalo and requested to be attached to my brigade. The handsome deportment of the young Captain and his band, induced me to consent; and soon after, I procured him a commission in the 9th regiment belonging to my brigade.

Col. McRee has already narrated some of the enterprises in which this young hero was engaged; a little volume might be filled with his deeds of bravery, for such they appear to the whole army, who took an active interest in his career.

I beg leave to make you several requests in behalf of the survivors of this family.

I humbly ask for a Cadet's warrant for Edmund O'Flaherty, mentioned by Col. McRee, an honorable discharge for Patrick O'Flaherty (the father) and a like discharge for Charles W. House (the half brother) both of the 9th regiment.

The O'Flaherties are from Batavia, N. Y. It is unnecessary to add, that everything which has been asked for this family, that has deserved so well of the country, was promptly granted by the acting Secretary of War.)

FIFTY YEARS AGO

RUNAWAY

This morning about 10 1/2 o'clock a large bay horse belonging to Samuel Wilcox, attached to a roadwaggon took flight from a team of cars near the Old Depot, ran up Water street, counting in collision with Howe's Sewing Machine wagon, at the foot of Bank street, capsizing the roadwaggon, and throwing out the driver, who sustained no injury. The horse, breaking loose from the harness, took a lively run-up Water, Wall and Main streets.

PHIL SHERIDAN

Is a busy General but Phil Cohen knows more about selling ties and stretch clothing than Phil Sheridan ever dared to think of. Phil Cohen (not Sheridan) has taken the store at 63 Water street, and on the 1st of May he intends to open a first class clothing shop. He is claiming a fall in gold has brought a fall in prices and that goods can be bought cheaper at 63 Water street than anywhere else in the city.

CIRCUS—The New York Champs Elysees Circus, one of the very best now traveling, will give an exhibition in this city on Monday of next week. Their troupe embraces some of the best performers in the world, among them the celebrated Stickney family and several new stars from Europe. Performance every afternoon and evening on the Circus grounds, on Broad street.

OUR FRIEND JOHN NEAR

Locating—Our friend John N. Near has secured the small store next to the Franklin House, in Main street, and is fitting it up in good shape for a retail trade in bread, cakes, crackers, pies and all the usual articles found in a bakery. The place is not as large or convenient as he could desire, but the location is a good one and will answer his purposes for the present. He will be ready for business in about a week.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

RAILROAD CROSSING BILL

Hartford, Conn., April 29, 1895.—The Railroad committee will report the Bridgeport bill tomorrow, agreed to last week, in regard to grade crossings, benefits, damages, etc. Mayor Clark and others demanded that the railroad erect gates at the crossings or elevate tracks. Senator Chandler and other Republicans objected to the measure.

The letter to Senator Chandler is as follows: "I have been reading lately reports of your recent speeches and actions in the Senate and I wish to say that if the newspapers report you correctly, you are a disgrace to the Senate, the Republican party and the State in general. Yours cordially,

Gerald H. Beard.

P. S.—I refer especially to your attempt to defeat the Law and Order league incorporation bill and to legalize gambling at races.

WASHINGTON ARCH DEDICATED

New York, April 29, 1895.—The Washington memorial arch in Washington square will be formally dedicated and transferred to the City of New York tomorrow, the one hundred and sixth anniversary of Washington's first inauguration as president. Governor Morton and Mayor Strong will take part in the ceremonies.

WAGES OF CITY EMPLOYEES

Objection was raised to the passage of a resolution increasing the wages of the employees at the City quarry from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a day. Councilman Farrell fought for the passage of this bill, claiming that the em-

ployees at the quarry were underpaid and insisted that they should receive the same pay as other city laborers. Councilman Grippen objected to the passage of the bill and it was referred to the board of Public Works.

The invitation of Col. S. B. Sumner, commandant, U. S. U. L. for the Mayor and Common Council to attend memorial services at St. Mary's church on the morning of May 30, was accepted.

GAME COCK STOLEN

A valuable game cock was stolen from the yard of William Beardsley in East Bridgeport a few nights ago, and the owner believes it was stolen for the purpose of fighting in a cocking bout which is being arranged for in that vicinity.

At the meeting of last night's council the City Auditor reported the following salaries to May 1st, 1895, and payment is recommended at that date:

(FIRST DISTRICT)

Wm. H. Bunnell, salary as Supt.	\$103.33
Gordon S. Colt, clerk of Board	75.00
Michael Logan, Supt. almshouse	83.33
Thomas Logan, clerk at almshouse	50.00
Mrs. M. Logan, matron at almshouse	35.00
Miss Maggie Logan, services at almshouse	15.00
Edw. Fitzgerald, M. D. at almshouse	35.00
John G. Lynch, M. D. at almshouse	25.00
F. L. Dew, M. D. at almshouse	25.00
G. W. Osborne, M. D. at almshouse	35.00
Total	\$476.66

PATENT RIGHTS ISSUED TO CONNECTICUT INVENTORS

The following were issued April 27, 1915. List furnished from the office of A. M. Wooster, Solicitor of Patents, Bridgeport, Conn.

Clarence H. Brown, Bridgeport, Typewriter machine.

George F. Carroll, et al., Bridgeport, Automatic expansion valve.

Walter Myers, Bridgeport, Sewing machine.

Albert Rontke, Bridgeport, Binding attachment for sewing machines.

Wilbur F. Burns, Bridgeport, Glass knob (design).

Holden P. Ballou, Hartford, 2 patents: Pneumatic piano-player; automatic piano-player.

Frederick F. Carlson, New Britain, Electrical cooking device.

Anthony G. Bakevich, New Britain, Belt dressing.

Norman B. Ford, New Britain, Lock.

Albert L. Colburn, New Haven, Two revolution, reciprocating flat bed printing press.

Wilbur A. Leonard, New Haven, Means for cutting threading-dies.

Thomas Royster, New Haven, Swimming device.

Charles H. Stahl, New Haven, Lock.

Hugo Grieshaber, New London, Life buoy for submarine or submersible boats.

John A. Johnson, Meriden, Lock lever caster.

Frank W. Gregory, Danbury, Dividers.

William F. Lennon, Willimantic, Brightlight attachment.

Julius S. Lingner, East Glastonbury, Match box.

Alfred H. Renshaw, Noroton, Mechanism for controlling railway signals.

Thomas P. Stephenson, Forestville, Locking device for dash-clocks.

Theodore Weicker, Stamford, Bottle (design).

Edgar Baell, Clinton, Pruning shears.

Irving C. Jennings, South Norwalk, Internal combustion generator.

William A. Thomson, Plainville, Belt-tightener for grinding machines.

TRUMBULL

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Rowden and son, Richard, of Wallingford were entertained for the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wells.

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GERMANY, BEST OIL CUSTOMER, IS LOST TO US

Using Electricity Generally Throughout Fatherland Because of Restrictions Placed on Shipping.

That Germany was the best customer of the United States for petroleum and that this country has lost that customer forever through the war is the statement made by Prof. Karl Duesing of Kiel, Germany, in a letter to his brother, Dr. Herman Duesing of this city.

Dr. Duesing has received from his brother some of the postage stamps which soldiers at the front are using. The word "Belgien" in German letters and the amount of the stamp in French letters, is used to cancel it.

The stamps are of three and five centimes denomination. In his letter Prof. Duesing says in part:

"The most important news concerns the position of Italy. The French government has transported 200,000 men to the Italian-French frontier. Strong fortifications were built. Italians, living for years in France, were ordered to leave at once. The French people are highly excited over the 'untrustworthy' conduct of Italy. France fears that Italy might join her enemy in the near future. Many Italians were arrested who lived for years in France near the Swiss frontier. The transportation of the 200,000 men was done by night in the last days of March. But it could not be kept secret, because the regular railroad traffic between Paris and Switzerland had to be abolished. The 'Matin' said in the first days of April:

"The situation awaiting Italy is very dark and doubtful and we have to expect most anything."

The German submarines reported unanimously at their return to home port that not a single British warship could be found around the entire coast of Great Britain, except a few destroyers. They must be hiding in their secret ports. This report of Prof. Duesing harmonizes with the German wireless of April 2, which said, that the German fleet went out to offer battle to the English navy, but could not find it.

"There is no more petroleum in Germany. But this does not harm Germany any but the United States. The German government in wise forethought has installed electric illumination all over the country. Germany used electric lights very extensively before the war, but now it is used exclusively in the smallest villages. Germany was the best customer for American petroleum, but through the government's policy, not to allow their own ships to carry their own goods, the United States lost her best customer for good and ever.

The prices on all goods are 10 to 20 per cent higher. This raises does not affect Germany alone, but all the neutral countries. The reason for this is that 10,000,000 men are on the battlefields instead of working in the factories. The economical conditions in Germany are almost normal. The railroads carry 90 per cent of their normal traffic, the military transports not included.

April 1 the prisoners' camps in Germany showed the following figures:

French Officers	3,868
Men	238,495
Russian Officers	1,149
Men	504,210
Belgian Officers	647
Men	59,620
British Officers	520
Men	20,307

Grand total, 812,998. "On April 1, Germany had 5,510 captured cannon, (machine guns not included). Belgium lost 3,800; France 1,300; Russia 850, and England 60. Austria had on March 1, 230,000 captured Russians and 60,000 Serbians. On the second German war loan 4,840,000,000 marks have been paid.

The German military surgeons do excellent work. Almost miraculous operations are performed. In a field hospital were 1,500 seriously wounded men. Only 17 of them had to undergo amputation of a leg or an arm. Germany is using a special heavy kind of barbed wire for her trenches. It is a wire which cannot be cut with the clippers. The diameter is three-eighths of an inch. The war bread is used by everyone, rich or poor, ill or well. Only one exception is made by the government. Those suffering with serious diseases of the stomach and intestines are allowed to get a daily ration of pure wheat bread by a physician's prescription, which has to be re-written every morning."

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Attack Decision Giving Harry Thaw Sanity Test By Jury



HARRY K. THAW LEAVING COURTROOM

New York, April 27.—Attorney General Woodbury announces that he will bitterly contest the decision of Justice Hendrick of the supreme court granting the application of Harry Thaw for a jury trial. Justice Hendrick set May 17 as the date for the beginning of the trial. "It is the opinion of the attorney general's office," Mr. Woodbury said, "that the court is without discretionary powers to grant a jury trial upon the return of a writ of habeas corpus to test the sanity of Mr. Thaw."

The attorney general made it plain that the state would fight the submission of Thaw's sanity to a jury to the finish and in view of the action of Thaw's attorneys would take advantage of every technicality of the law. The accompanying photograph of Thaw was taken as he was leaving the courtroom after the favorable decision by Justice Hendrick.

STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, April 29.—A special town meeting has been called by the selectmen for Saturday night for the purpose of hearing the objections, if any, there are to a plan of the Connecticut Co. to relocate some of its trolley poles in East Main street.

The Women's Aid society of the Stratford Congregational church will hold a supper this evening in the church parlors, beginning at 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson will sail today from New York for Scotland on the steamer Adriatic. They will make their home in that country. Mr. Wilson came here from Scotland to marry his sweetheart, Elsie Cranston, and he is taking her back there to live.

Leet B. Myers, general secretary of the Charities Organization society, will address the school children of Stratford this afternoon.

The Uruguayan Delegates to the Pan-American Financial Conference arrived at Santiago, Chile, on their way to the United States.

Yassar College girls are circulating a petition demanding the abolition of chaperons.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS JOHN RECK & SON

FANCY SMALL BLUEFISH 12 1/2 lb

COD 5c lb

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PERCH 10c lb

YELLOWFIN 10c lb

FRESH MACKEREL HALIBUT SALMON

BROOK TROUT

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TO-DAY HE'S AT POLI'S

IN "BY THE SEA"—FIRST TIME IN BRIDGEPORT.

CATERPILLAR PESTS OVERRUN NEWTOWN WREAKING DAMAGE

Farms and Streets Littered With Insects—Vegetation Being Destroyed.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, April 29.—A monstrous army of tent caterpillars has invaded Newtown and every orchard tree and wayside wild cherry clump is signaling danger to this year's fruit crop to all beholders. Even the thorough streets are disgusting sights these days, with wild cherry bushes fairly alive with the pest, and nothing done, or to be done, apparently, although the borough officials have been appealed to by taxpayers.

The funeral of Charles E. Gilbert of Sandy Hook whose death occurred at a private sanitarium in Bridgeport, Tuesday night, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of his nephew, Frank E. Gilbert of Huntington district. Rev. Charles A. Tibbatts of St. John's church, was the officiating clergyman, both at the house and grave in Huntington cemetery. Delegates from both the Masonic fraternity and the G. A. R. were present at the interment and the burial rites of both organizations to which the deceased belonged, were performed.

Mrs. Gilbert was a veteran of the Civil War, going as a volunteer in the Second Connecticut regiment of Heavy Artillery, and served the full term of enlistment. He is survived by his widow, who was Julia Curtis of Newtown, and by one brother, Albert Gilbert of Elgin, Ills. Mr. Gilbert was all his life an active business man of Newtown and through his industry had accumulated a small fortune. His age was 63 years.

Mrs. Arthur Beard entertained the members of the Housatonic branch of the Universal Sunshine society at her home yesterday afternoon. Seventeen women attended. After the serious work of the society for the day was completed the women enjoyed dainty refreshments furnished by the hostess.

Judge Colley of Waterbury piloted a party of fishermen from that city to the Pootuck stream, yesterday, and, as usual, took home the largest string of trout.

W. C. Johnson, the ice man of the two villages, has begun supplying his patrons with ice.

Miss Margaret Johnson is spending a month in Waterbury.

In order to satisfy the heirs-at-law of the late Mrs. John Bailey, the homestead in North Center district in which she was joint owner with her husband, will be offered for sale at public auction.

An auto truck of George F. Moore of Bridgeport, yesterday brought a load of furniture to the home of Mrs. M. S. Otis, a part of which will be occupied for the summer by a Bridgeport family.

W. H. Wakelee is making a business trip this week to New York with a view to accepting the agency for Newtown of an automobile company.

Among the summer colony, these arrivals are noted this week: The Misses Chambers from Waterbury, and the W. H. Loughran family of New York, both of whom have summer homes in Zoar.

Miss Nellie Maloney of Mile Hill, spent yesterday in Bridgeport.

Clarence Skiff of the High school, is trying to revive the camp of Boy Scouts, which seems to have gone the way of many good things in Newtown. It is to be hoped he will be successful.

The last report from St. Vincent's hospital is favorable for recovery of John Corbett of Taunton.

N. L. Richards, merchant of the Glen, has moved his stock of goods to his new store near the railroad station.

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